

Anchorage School District COVID-19

2020-21 Return to School Operational Guidelines

ASD will begin the 2020-21 school year on August 20. The following facilities guidelines are part of the District's final plan to ensure a safe return and school year for both students and staff.



Academic Models

ASD will have in-person, virtual learning, and home school models for students. Families can choose the model that best meets their needs. All models are built to move students forward and will be graded.



Cleaning and Disinfecting

Regular cleaning will occur on buses, in schools, and at administrative offices. Classrooms will be cleaned daily.



Physical Distancing

Physical distancing should be observed in all district classrooms and buildings. ASD defines physical distancing as maintaining 3-6 ft of distance between two children and 6 ft between adults as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.



Face Coverings

Face coverings are required for all ASD students, staff, and visitors at all schools and administrative buildings. Some exceptions may apply.



Handwashing/ Hand Sanitizing

Hand sanitizer will be available in all schools. Frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing will occur throughout the school day.



Transportation

Face coverings must be worn on all buses, and routes may have assigned seating. Schools will be prepared for more student drop-offs and pick-ups.



Meals and Water Breaks

Elementary students will eat in their classrooms. Physical distancing and cleaning protocols will be enforced. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles as water fountains will be turned off. High School will move to a closed campus for lunch.



Classrooms

Desks will be distanced 3-6 ft apart when physically possible. Classrooms will be cleaned daily, including high-traffic surfaces. Sharing of classroom materials will not be permitted.



Student/Staff Health and Safety

Nurses and trained staff will be onsite to screen students and staff showing COVID-19 symptoms. Proper isolation protocols will be followed in the event of positive cases in schools or administrative buildings. Isolation rooms have been identified in schools and administrative buildings.



Parent Requirements

Parents must ensure the daily health of their students. Children showing any of the COVID-19 symptoms or a fever (100.4 or higher) should not be sent to school.



School Visitors

Visitors will be limited to approved school/district staff and vendors necessary for school services. Parents and guardians will be limited to the school office. Physical distancing may be enforced.



Student Services

Students receiving Special Education, English as a second language, Gifted, and similar services will continue to get those services in both face-to-face and online models of learning.

2020-21 Return to School Changes to Expect

When students and staff return to school there will be a lot of changes.

Class Changes

Staff and students will be required to wear face coverings.

Conditions permitting, schools will allow classes to move to larger, open spaces, or outdoors to increase distancing.

PE, Choir, Band, Orchestra, and other large classes will be reorganized to allow physical distancing.

Technology

Any shared technology device will be disinfected between each use.
ASD is committed to making sure all students have a digital device to assist their learning.
Students can request a district device if they do not have access to one at home.
Internet access may be available for students who need connectivity.



PE

Contact activities will be prohibited.
Allowable activities include running, yoga, jump roping, exercising, etc.
All equipment will be cleaned following recommended health protocols.
Physical distancing guidelines will be followed at all times.



Recess

Physical distancing guidelines should be followed at all times.
Recess periods will be staggered to reduce the number of students on the playground(s).



School Buses

Face coverings will be required.
Students may have assigned seats.
Physical distancing will be in place; household members can share seats.
Buses will be disinfected after each route.



Extracurriculars

School dances, assemblies, banquets, and other large school spirit gatherings are cancelled for fall.
After school clubs will be converted to online formats (i.e. culture club, student council, chess, etc.).
Fine Arts performances can occur, but may not have live audiences.
All out-of-state travel is cancelled for fall semester.

Check www.asdk12.org/2020start for updates



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